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For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND IMAGE EXPOSURE APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated June 29, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, 11-13 and 17-19 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

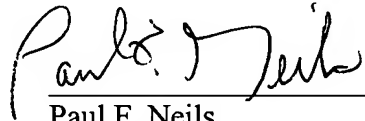
Although the Examiner indicates that claims 1-19 are drawn to an image forming method, actually claims 1-6, 11-13 and 17-19 are directed to the image forming method. On the other hand, claims 7-10, 14-16 and 20 are directed to an exposure apparatus. In a teleconference of July 26, 2005, Examiner Walke confirmed the above revised grouping of the claims.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 7-10, 14-16 and 20.

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